



AOTEAROA CYCLO-CROSS FESTIVAL



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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On behalf of Southerncross Cyclocross Club (SCCX) and Cycling New Zealand, we welcome you to Aotearoa Cross Fest 2024 (#ACXF24), including the 2025 National Cyclo-cross Championships. We look forward to a great event and hope you have an enjoyable time in Christchurch.

This guide provides useful information for all riders and officials.

## 2. WELCOME

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### **Southerncross Cyclocross Club**

Cyclo-cross is fun! We all know that it is the best form of cycling. Growing number of riders and the awesome community vibe tell us this.

The Southerncross Cyclocross Club is excited to be hosting the Aotearoa Cross Fest 2024. The fifth year of ACXF24 will be the same but a little different. One day of exciting events, an all new venue and serious national level racing and what would a CX event be without some fun.

I would like to thank all those who have helped make this event a reality – the sponsors, Cycling New Zealand, stakeholders, cyclo-cross enthusiasts and fellow members of the Southerncross Cyclocross Club. It is the support of these folk that has brought ACXF24 to life.

We welcome riders, friends, family and supporters and ask that you bring along your noise makers to take part in a fantastic weekend of cycling and Christchurch hospitality.

Ryan Cooney  
2024 President  
Southerncross Cyclocross Club Inc.

### **Cycling New Zealand**

A warm welcome to all riders and supporters for Aotearoa Cross Fest 2024, which includes the National Cyclo-cross Championships; it is always great to have Christchurch as a host City and we thank Southerncross Cyclocross Club, their volunteers and support personnel who are vital to the success of the event.

Our thanks also to the Commissaires who play a fundamental role in supporting the integrity in our sport – and give their time voluntarily to officiate events throughout the country.

This event is our premium cyclo-cross national event and we look forward to building on the success of this event for future National Champs

To all of our riders, on behalf of Cycling New Zealand, we wish you all the best for the upcoming days.

Simon Peterson  
CEO  
Cycling New Zealand

### 3. KEY CONTACTS

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Event Director	Ryan Cooney 027 310 7436
Event Manager	Rob Moore 021 079 0985
Cycling New Zealand contact	Steff Holcroft 027 855 7676
Chief Commissaire (PCP)	Lisa Morgan 021 255 0630
Assistant Commissaires	Matt Amos Erin Criglington Don Johnson
Race doctor	Emma Locke

### 4. EVENT WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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For more information please check the

- Nationals website [www.cxnationals.nz](http://www.cxnationals.nz)
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ACXF2023/>
- Event hashtag #ACXF24

For the most up-to-date information please follow us on Facebook.

### 5. EVENT SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS

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We would like to extend our thanks to the event supporters, whom without their support the event would not be possible.

List of supporters:

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| • Basic Bikes                | • Drink Morwots       |
| • Scotty Browns              | • Hirepool            |
| • Giro                       | • Qualis              |
| • Spectrum Sounds            | • The Collab Creative |
| • Julbo                      | • Faultline Coffee    |
| • Lighthouse Brewing Company | • Hynd                |
| • Maxxis                     |                       |

### 6. EVENT DETAILS

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Aotearoa Cross Fest 2024 will be the most exciting cyclo-cross festival of 2024. There are a number of events, from fun races to the Elite Championship where the best New Zealand cyclo-cross racers will be recognised.

The festival is being held over one day on Saturday 10th August 2024. The programme is included in Section 20 below.

### 7. EVENT LOCATION

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The event will take place at the Motukarara Raceway. This is 25km south of Hagley Park Christchurch on State Highway 75 to Akaroa. The event village and race office will be located at the race track. See map at back of guide.

## 8. ENTRY

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### National races

- Entries will be received up to midnight Thursday 1st of August 2024.
- **No late entries for UCI categories.**
- Withdrawals received in writing before entries close will be eligible for a refund minus a \$25 admin fee. Withdrawals received after entries close will not be eligible for a refund. Requests are to be emailed to [southerncrosscx@gmail.com](mailto:southerncrosscx@gmail.com).

### Cross Fest events

- Entries will be accepted between 3pm and 4pm Saturday 10th of August. Withdrawal is available at any time.

## 9. LICENSING

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### National races

- The National Cyclo-cross Championships races include UCI and non-UCI categories.
- All entries in UCI categories must hold a 2024 Cycling New Zealand annual licence. In addition you must be a NZ citizen to race in the UCI categories (U19, U23/Elite)
- All entries in non-UCI categories must hold a 2024 Cycling New Zealand annual license holder or purchase a Cycling New Zealand one-day licence (\$20) at the time of entry.
- All entries (in both UCI and non-UCI) are required to be a member of a Cycling New Zealand affiliated road and track club, mountain bike club or cyclo-cross club.
- To obtain an annual Cycling New Zealand licence click here  
<https://ccnbikes.com/#!/memberships/cycling-new-zealand-2021-annual-licence-membership>
- To read the one day Cycling New Zealand one-day licence T&C click here  
<https://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/assets/Events-/National-Events/Cyclo-Cross-Nationals/Cycling-New-Zealand-One-Day-Licence-Terms-and-Conditions-2022-v2.dotx.pdf>
- Note - Huttcross and Southern Cross CX are currently the only two Cycling New Zealand affiliated Cyclo-cross clubs.

### Cross Fest events

- No race licence required.

## 10. RACE PACK PICK UP

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### National races

- Race pack pick up (registration) is available from the race office during the following times:
  - Friday 9 August 2pm to 4pm at the venue
  - Friday 9 August 5pm to 7pm at Lighthouse Brewery
  - Saturday 10 August from 7.30am to 10.30 at the venue

### Cross Fest events

- Race pack pick up (registration) is available from the race office from 3.00 to 4.00 pm on Saturday afternoon

## 11. TIMING AND NUMBER PLATES

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### National races

- All riders will be issued with a unique body number and two shoulder numbers.
- The two shoulder numbers must be attached to the front of the rider's arms just below the shoulder.
- The body number must be attached on the back with the numbers vertical. Preferably slightly off set to the side of the rider closest to the timing tent. This is expected to be on the right, but will be confirmed upon registration.
- Timing chips will be provided along with an ankle strap. These are attached to an ankle.

### Cross Fest events

- Aotearoa Crossfest number plates will be issued. These will have timing chips attached.
- These numbers are to be attached to the front handlebars (with the exception of the relay race). Twist ties will be provided.
- For the relay race a single race plate is to be handed between team members of the relay team.

## 12. RACE OFFICE

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The race office is located in the Motukarara Raceway Grandstand.

## 13. RULES

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### National races –

- The event is run under UCI rules and regulations  
<https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations>
- Riders' attention is drawn to Part 1 and Part 5 for full details:
  - Part 1 – General organisation of cycling as a sport
  - Part 5 – Cyclo-cross
- A brief summary of key rules and regulations includes:
  - Race rules – refer Section 21 – Race Information of this Technical Guide. For more detail UCI Regulations Part 5, Chapter 1.
  - Rider rules – refer Section 9 – Licencing and Section 18 - Categories of this Technical Guide. For more detail UCI Regulations refer Part 1, Chapter 1 and Part 5, Chapter 1.
  - Bicycle rules – refer to UCI Regulations Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 2: bicycles. Of specific note tyre widths will be checked for all National races. UCI Regulations Part 1, Clause 1.3.018 states  
“... For the cyclo-cross bicycle the **width of the tyre (measured between the widest parts) shall not exceed 33 mm** and it may not incorporate any form of spike or stud.”
    - For Non-UCI Categories, bicycles must have drop handlebars and a maximum tyre width of 35mm

### Cross Fest events

- Generally consistent with UCI rules and regulations, however safe bicycles consistent with the race categories can be used.



## 14. HEALTH AND SAFETY

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The event is committed to providing and maintaining health and safety by eliminating or mitigating as far as practicable all risks associated with the event. This is to prevent harm in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA 15)

The safety of the riders, officials, volunteers and spectators is included in the event planning. This includes (but is not limited to) course inspections, course marking, directional signage, hazard warning signage, communications and first aid provisions.

The event course is designed for cyclo-cross racing and a certain amount of skill is required. By entering this event you are confirmed to have the sufficient level of experience and skill to ensure your own safety. It is your responsibility to manage your own safety during the event, to be aware of other users at all times and to make responsible decisions. There is course taping in place, however, there may be public and official traffic on the circuit during your race.

The event is held in an outside environment and weather conditions are likely to be very changeable. Please ensure you are prepared for inclement, adverse or extreme (hot or cold) conditions. If you have any questions or concerns regarding health and safety please report to the Event Director or the Chief Commissaire.

## 15. FIRST AID

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First aid and race doctors will be present at the venue. Notify an event official if medical attention is required. In the event of an emergency please call 111. The nearest emergency medical centre is:

Christchurch Hospital  
2 Riccarton Ave  
Christchurch Central  
Christchurch

Phone: 03 364 0640

## 16. WITHDRAWING FROM THE RACE

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If you are pulling out of a race, you **must** notify officials at the finish line. This is to ensure that everybody is accounted for at the conclusion of the race.

## 17. ANTI-DOPING

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All riders are subject to drug testing to ensure competitions are fair and riders are free from the use of performance enhancing drugs. Drug testing could happen at any time and will be administered by Drug Free Sport NZ. Anti-doping officials will inform chosen riders. Drug testing will be undertaken in provided facilities on site at the event village.

## 18. CATEGORIES

The following event categories are available for both men (boys) and women (girls).

National races	UCI categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elite - riders aged 23 or over (as at 31 December 2025)</li> <li>● U23 - riders aged between 19 - 23 (as at 31 December 2025)</li> <li>● U19 - riders aged between 17 - 18 (as at 31 December 2025)</li> </ul> <p>The races will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● U19 Men. (3 medals awarded). The winner will be awarded the Junior National Jersey.</li> <li>● Elite/U23 Men's COMBINED RACE (only 3 medals awarded). The winner will be awarded the Elite Men's National Jersey (regardless of category).</li> <li>● U19 Women. (3 medals awarded). The winner will be awarded the Junior National Jersey.</li> <li>● Elite/U23 Women's COMBINED RACE (only 3 medals awarded). The winner will be awarded the Elite Women's National Jersey (regardless of category).</li> </ul> <p>A total of 12 medals, 4 jerseys will be awarded.</p>
	National age groups (non – UCI) categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● U15 - riders aged between 13 - 14 (as at 31 December 2025)</li> <li>● U17 - riders aged between 15 - 16 (as at 31 December 2025)</li> <li>● Sport- riders aged between 17 - 29 (as at 31 December 2025)</li> <li>● Masters 1 - riders aged between 30 - 39 (as at 31 December 2025)</li> <li>● Masters 2 - riders aged between 40 - 49 (as at 31 December 2025)</li> <li>● Masters 3 - riders aged between 50-59 (as at 31 December 2025)</li> <li>● Masters 4 - riders aged between 60-69 (as at 31 December 2025)</li> <li>● Masters 5 - riders aged 70+ (as at 31 December 2025)</li> </ul>
Cross Fest events	Everything goes	Combined race - Mountain Bike, Tandem, Single Speed, Tracklocrosss Fixie, CX bikes. Mens and womens - a total of 6 prizes.
	Beer Hand Up	Riders aged 18+ on event day. Beer will be provided for competitors in the Beer Hand Up race. Any safe bike.

## 19. POINTS

### National races

- National age group races (non-UCI). There are no points of any kind.
- UCI Races
  - UCI points are awarded as per the UCI regulations for a National Championship the appropriate points scale, and summarised as follows:
  - U19 Men – to the first 9 places
  - Elite/U23 Men's COMBINED RACE – to the first 10 places using elite points scale.
  - U19 Women – to the first 9 places
  - Elite/U23 Women's COMBINED RACE – to the first 10 places using elite points scale.

### Cross Fest events

- No points will be awarded.



## 20. PROGRAMME

Please note this programme is subject to change.

Day	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 9th August	<b>Open practice</b>	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Motukarara Raceway
Saturday 10th August	<b>Race pack pick up</b> (registration) - including licence check for national races	7.30am - 11.00am	Motukarara Raceway Grandstand
	<b>Open Practice</b>	8.00am - 8.45am	Motukarara Raceway
	<b>National age groups Men (non-UCI) Race 1</b> (U15, U17, Masters 2, Masters 4, Masters 5 Men) 40 mins	8.50am call up 9.00am race start	Motukarara Raceway call up box
	<b>National age groups Men (non-UCI) Race 2</b> (Sport, Masters 1, Masters 3) 40 mins	9.50am call up 10.00am race start	Motukarara Raceway call up box
	<b>Prizegiving</b> National Men's Age Groups non-UCI	10.50am	Motukarara Raceway Event Village
	<b>Open Practice + Lolly Scramble</b>	10.50am - 11.10am	Motukarara Raceway
	<b>U19 Junior Men</b> 40 mins	11.20am call up 11.30am race start	Motukarara Raceway call up box
	<b>U19 Women and national age group Women (non-UCI)</b> (U19, U15, U17, Sport, Masters 1-4) 40 mins	12.20pm call up 12.30pm race start	Motukarara Raceway call up box
	<b>Elite Women</b> (U23, Elite) 50 mins	1.20pm call up 1.30pm race start	Motukarara Raceway call up box
	<b>Elite Men</b> (U23, Elite) 60 mins	2.30pm call up 2.40pm race start	Motukarara Raceway call up box
	<b>Prizegiving</b> All Women's categories and Men's UCI categories	3.50pm	Motukarara Raceway Event Village
	<b>ACXF Events - registration 3pm - 4pm</b>		
	<b>Everything goes</b> (40 mins) (ACXF event)	4.20pm	Motukarara Raceway
	<b>Beer Hand Up Race *</b> (ACXF event) 30 min	5.15pm	Motukarara Raceway
	<b>Social event</b>	6.00pm	Motukarara Raceway Grandstand
	<b>Venue closes</b>	8.00pm	Motukarara Raceway

\* NOTE - Beer will be provided for competitors in the Beer Hand Up race. BYO is not permitted. 18+ event.

## 21. RACE INFORMATION

Race durations are given as a guide only and may be subject to change on race day as decided by the President of the Commissaires Panel.

Category		Target race time
National races	U19 Junior Men and Women	40 mins
	Elite Women (U23, Elite)	50 mins
	Elite Men (U23, Elite)	60 mins
	National age group races	40 mins
Cross Fest events	Everything goes	40 mins
	Beer Hand Up	30 mins

### All races

- Riders are to be present near the start boxes (able to near the Commissaire's) 15 mins prior to the race start. Riders will be called into the start area 10 mins before the race starts. The race start procedure will commence 5 mins prior to the race start.

### National age group races (non-UCI)

- A rider's race ceases when the winner of their class finishes, i.e. riders complete their current lap. Lapped riders continue to ride and finish only when the first rider in their class has completed the event.
- Feeding and hand-ups are **not** permitted.
- Equipment changes must be carried out within the confines of the pit lane and while stationary.
- Riders will pass the pits twice in one lap.
- A rider may only take the pit lane to change their bicycle, wheel(s) or for other mechanical assistance. Should a rider take the pit lane for any other reason, the Commissaires Panel shall decide the penalty to impose and the decision shall be final.
- A rider who has passed the end of the pit area must continue to the following pit area for any bicycle or wheel change.
- A rider who is still in the racing lane may enter the pit lane as long as they retrace their route in the racing lane and enter the other lane at its start without obstructing other competitors.
- Only one assistant per rider shall be allowed in the rider's pit box.

### UCI Races

- The 80% rule or removal of will apply at the discretion of the President of the Commissaires Panel. If a slower rider is more than 80% of the time it takes the leading rider to complete a lap, behind that leading rider at the start/finish line, the slower rider may be withdrawn under the 80% rule.
- If the 80% rule is not applied, the President of the Commissaires Panel reserves the right to remove lapped riders from the course.
- Feeding and hand-ups are **not** permitted.
- Equipment changes must be carried out within the confines of the pit lane and at the same point.
- Changes of wheel or bicycle between riders are forbidden.
- Riders will pass the pits twice in one lap.

- A rider may only take the pit lane to change their bicycle, wheel(s) or for other mechanical assistance. Should a rider take the pit lane for any other reason, the Commissaires Panel shall decide the penalty to impose and the decision shall be final.
- A rider who has passed the end of the pit area must continue to the following pit area for any bicycle or wheel change.
- A rider who is still in the racing lane may enter the pit lane as long as they retrace their route in the racing lane and enter the other lane at its start without obstructing other competitors.
- Only two accredited assistants per rider shall be allowed in the rider's pit box.

#### Cross Fest events

- A rider's race ceases when the winner of their class finishes, i.e. riders complete their current lap. Lapped riders continue to ride and finish only when the first rider in their class has completed the event.

#### **Course practice**

The course will be open for practice on Friday and Saturday at times indicated in the programme.

The course will be 2.5km in length with 20 vertical rise. A course map is available at the back of this guide.

#### **22. FOOD AND BEVERAGE**

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There will be a coffee cart and food truck and beer at the Motukarara Raceway Event Village.

Beer will be provided for competitors in the Beer Hand Up race. BYO is not permitted due to the Special Event Alcohol Licence rules. You will be asked to remove BYO from the site.

#### **23. SMOKE AND DRUG FREE**

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The entire event is smoke and drug free. Please ensure all your supporters are aware of this.

#### **24. MEDAL CEREMONY PROTOCOL**

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Riders are responsible for ensuring they are at the presentation area 10 minutes prior to the presentation taking place. Medal winners must make themselves known to medal ceremony officials upon arrival. Medal ceremonies will be held at the Event Village.

Medal ceremonies times are shown in the programme.

#### **25. PRIZE MONEY**

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There will be no prize money available.

## 26. VENUE MAP

### ACXF 2024 Venue Map



Vehicle Gate



Toilets



Toilets



Registration, medical, food



Call up Box



Car Parking



Club Tents



Finish



Start



Pits



Pits



Bike Wash



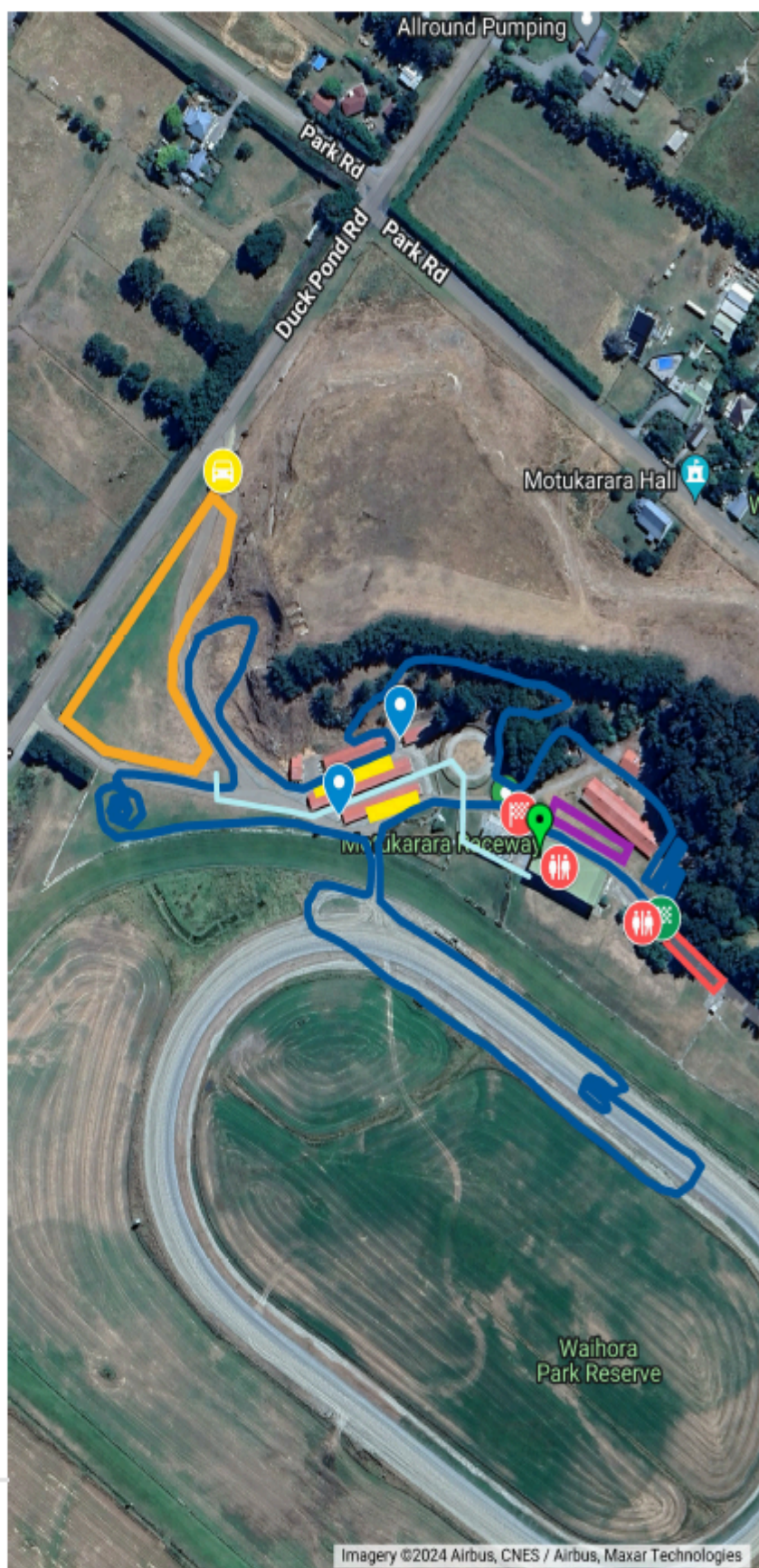
Bike Wash



Course

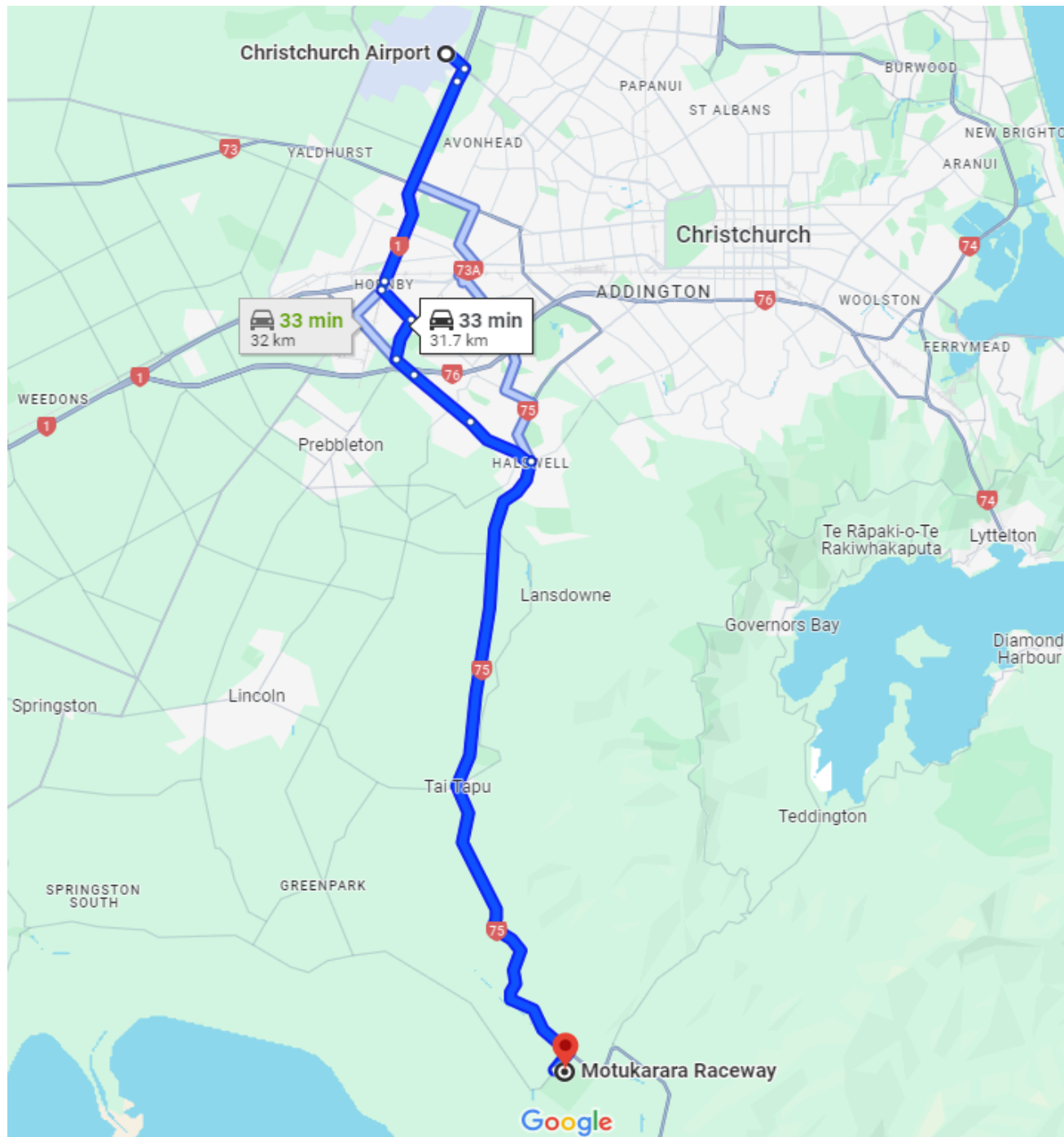


Walkway



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## 27. SPONSORS

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